



# Groundwater Plan for the Santa Rosa Plain

**A Basin Advisory Panel, made up of 30 members from throughout the Santa Rosa Plain, is developing a groundwater management plan. Scheduled for release in fall 2013, the plan will set goals and identify ways to protect the Santa Rosa Plain groundwater basin into the future.**

## Groundwater Plan Elements & Timeline

The voluntary, non-regulatory Groundwater Management Plan will consist of the following elements, developed during this timeframe.

- Basin Management Goals & Objectives Developed, *Summer 2012*
- Monitoring Program & Data Protocols, *Winter 2012-13*
- Management Components, *Spring 2013*
- Implementation Approach, *Summer 2013*
- Plan Release, *Fall 2013*

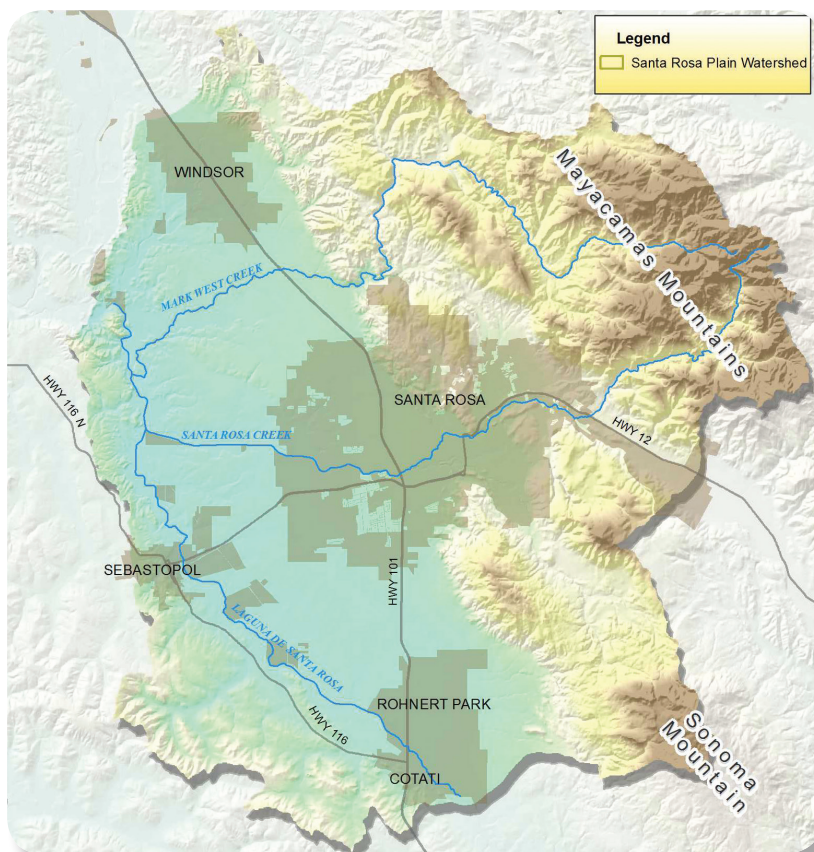
**Panel members** represent economic and environmental interests, groundwater users (agriculture and homeowners), water suppliers, and Tribal, county and city government. The Panel is a collaborative effort: community representatives and agencies with jurisdiction within the Santa Rosa Plain are working together to develop the groundwater management plan. Members work with an independent facilitator to ensure that all key interests from the Santa Rosa Plain are represented.

**Cooperative funders** sponsor the planning effort. The Sonoma County Water Agency has formed a partnership with the Cities of Santa Rosa, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Sebastopol, the Town of Windsor, Cal American Water Company, and the County of Sonoma. After approval, the Panel will recommend that the boards of the cooperating funders and other implementing organizations adopt the plan.

**The plan** will describe existing water resources and will put forth objectives for managing the basin. These objectives articulate groundwater protection and recharge, integrating groundwater management with other water resources, conservation and water efficiency, involving stakeholders, and raising public awareness. The Panel will also develop a monitoring program to learn more about the basin and to monitor the basin's "health", i.e. groundwater levels and quality.

**The non-regulatory plan** will be consistent with the water code, which enhances opportunity for state funding. Although non-regulatory, the Panel will put forward recommendations for managing groundwater in the Santa Rosa Plain and implementing the plan.

Everyone is welcome to participate in Panel meetings or to provide input through Panel members.



## How to Contribute

### Participate in a Panel Meeting

The Panel meets the second Thursday of most (not all) months, from 9:00-12:00. All meetings are open to the public. Check the web site for dates and locations.

### Talk to Your Organizational Representative

Learn about groundwater management planning and share your perspective with a panel member.

### Visit the Web Site

The web site is updated regularly. Read documents and check the calendar for events. [www.scwa.ca.gov/srgroundwater](http://www.scwa.ca.gov/srgroundwater)

### Schedule a Briefing

Panel members or staff are able to conduct briefings for interested organizations. Please contact Marcus Trotta at [mtrotta@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:mtrotta@scwa.ca.gov) or a Panel Member to schedule.

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